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Shaughnessy et al.

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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2002, in connection with the above application, Applicants submit this reply. The time period for response has been extended to Nov. 6, 2002, by the accompanying petition for a three-month extension of time. Please enter the following amendments:

In the claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

1. ~~(Amended Twice)~~ A method for inhibiting reduction of bone density in a mammalian patient having a pathological condition in which bone density is decreased, comprising inhibiting in the patient the formation of a tertiary complex of Interleukin-11 (IL-11),

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